

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 10th July 2022

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Fifteenth Sunday of the Year

Today we will hear again the great parable of the Good Samaritan. In this parable Jesus tells us that God wants us to care for one another. The priest and the Levite refused to help the man who got beaten up. Sins of omission may be our worst sins, yet we don't always think of them as sins.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: We are challenged in today's Mass to look after others following the example of the Good Samaritan.

First Reading: We are to observe God's laws and commandments. They are not beyond our strength.

Second Reading: Saint Paul assures his followers that Christ's work of redemption is complete.

Gospel: The story of the Good Samaritan.

Weekend Masses:

Sunday 17th July: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:
Wednesday 13th July: 10am Mass
Friday 15th July: No Mass

Anniversaries

John and Ellen Walsh, Ballybeg
Michael Fleming (Snr), Shanbough

The Cemetery Masses conclude this week with Mass in Rosbercon Old Cemetery on Tuesday 12th July at 8.00pm. It is important that we remember our dead and pray for them. As the prayers for a Christian funeral state, 'we believe that all the ties of friendship and affection which knit us together throughout our lives do not unravel with death'.

We welcome into our Christian Community Shay Michaela Murphy, daughter of Seán and Hayley, Hoodsgrove, who was baptised in the Church of Assumption, Rosbercon on Saturday 2nd July 2022.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel every Wednesday morning from 10.30am to 12pm. All are welcome to attend.

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Annual Summer Envelope Collection for the support of Fr Dan. Outstanding envelopes should be handed in at Mass or to the Parochial House.

Rosbercon Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Brid Vereker, Millbanks Close and Anne O' Sullivan, Ballykenna. If you have a Safeguarding concern, contact Brid or Anne. Please note Safeguarding Statements are displayed in the porches of the Churches of the Parish.

A Message from Fr Dan: Our Sister, Mother Earth: Popes, on occasion, write letters to Christians across the world. These letters are known as Papal Encyclicals. Pope Francis wrote a very powerful Encyclical Letter, titled *Laudato Si'*: On the Care of our Common Home in July 2019. The Pope wrote this letter in the light of the grave crisis that now faces the earth and the whole of humanity, because of terrible destruction of the environment brought about by blind human greed.

In his letter the Pope presents Saint Francis of Assisi as a model of how we might pull back from the brink. The Pope recalls how Francis reminds us that the earth is our common home and is like a sister, with whom we share our life. The earth is a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. Saint Francis writes, "Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs".

The pope goes on "Guided by the Holy Spirit, Saint Francis lived in simplicity and in wonderful harmony with God, with others, with nature and with himself; he recognized an inseparable bond between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace." He saw "nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness.

Just as happens when we fall in love with someone, whenever he would gaze at the sun, the moon or the smallest of animals, he burst into song, drawing all other creatures into his praise of our most loving Creator." He can teach us that "rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise." **From the Ennis Parish Newsletter (Adapted)**

Celtic Prayer for the Close of the Year
As the rain hides the stars,
As the autumn mist hides the hills,
As the clouds veil the blue sky,
So, the dark happenings of our days
Hide the shining of God's face from us.
Yet, if we hold Christ's hand in darkness,
It is enough, since we know that,
Though we may stumble in our going,
God does not fall

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Mass Intentions for Sunday 17th July 2022:

Rosbercon: Sunday 17th July at 11.00am:

Peggy Connick, Millbanks and New Ross **Months Mind**

John Connick, Millbanks

George Peters, Sliveccorragh

Sean and Mary Rochford, Shanbogh and deceased members of the Byrne family

To make you Smile:

'Behind every great man is an exhausted woman'. Lady Fairbairn (1994)

'Husbands are like fires: they go out when not attended to'.

Za Za Gabor (b.1919)

Reflection: The Slow Work of God

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.

We are quite naturally impatient.

We want to reach the end without delay...

We should like to skip the intermediate stages.

We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown,

Something new

And yet it is the law of all progress:

That there are many stages of instability...

And these may take a very long time....

And so, it is with us.

Our ideas mature gradually;

Let them grow, let them shape themselves,

Without undue haste

Don't try to force them on,

As though we could be today what time

Will make of us tomorrow

Only God can say what this new spirit

Gradually forming within us will become.

Give Our Lord the benefit of our believing

That his hand is leading us, shaping us.

Help us to accept the anxiety

Of feeling ourselves in suspense and incomplete

St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny Restoration Fund 2021/2022: The

June draw for St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund took place Wednesday 29th June in the Chapter Room at St Mary's Cathedral. Please check the Church Noticeboards for the results of the draw.

Collection of Parish Funds 2nd/3rd July 2022:

Cemetery Mass, Rosbercon:	€2,007.00
Offertory Collection:	€ 320.00
Weekly Envelopes:	€ 528.00
Parish Debt on 29th June 2022:	€31,727.42

Date of Remaining Outdoor Mass in Rosbercon Parish, 2022:

Sunday 21st August: St Moling's Well

This Mass will be celebrated at 2.00 pm

Reflection: Beatitudes for Carers

The Good Samaritan was someone who cared.

Blessed are those who care;

They let people know that they are loved.

Blessed are those who are gentle; they help people to grow,
As the sun helps the buds to unfold.

Blessed are those who listen; they lighten many a burden.

Blessed are those who know how to let go;

They have the joy of seeing people find themselves.

Blessed are those who, when nothing can be said or done,

Do not walk away, but remain to provide

A comforting and supportive presence.

They help the suffering to bear the unbearable.

Blessed are those who recognise their own need to receive,

They are able to give all the better.

And blessed are those who give without hope of return

They give people an experience of God.

Wisdom: "Confidence comes not from always being right but from not fearing to be wrong."

Eleanor Roosevelt

Humour: The children were lined up in the school canteen for lunch. At the head of the table was a large tray of apples. A teacher wrote a note and posted it on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching". Moving along the lunch line, at the other end was a large tray of chocolate chip cookies. A girl wrote a note, which she put next to the tray of cookies, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples!"

◆ CHANGE OF DATE—Pink Rock 10KM

St. Joseph's Athletic Club will now hold its annual Pink Rock 10km road race and 5km family run / walk on **Sunday 24th July** at the Pink Rock, Glenmore. This event is open to walkers and runners. Registration is available on-line at www.myrunresults.com or you can register at the Parish Hall, Rosbercon on the morning of the race. 10km walkers start at 11:00 am and runners at 11:30 am. 5km run / walk starts at 11:40 am. Post-race refreshments and medal presentations will take place in Rosbercon Parish Hall. **Change of date is due to event clashing will All Ireland Hurling Final.**

◆ Athletics Summer Camp

St Josephs Athletic Club are delighted to launch this year's summer camp. The summer camps are open to all boys and girls aged 6 to 15. The camps will run from 10am to 2pm Monday to Friday at the Albatross Parish Centre. The camp will take place from July 25th to July 29th.

Registration form: <https://forms.gle/V5FBa7an8bHiZnu79>

Payment Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/363539104247>

Any queries at all, please don't hesitate to contact Eoin 086-3521900 or Pat 086-6043079.

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